



**Thank you for your interest in the election and your City Council!**

Thank you for allowing me to serve you in Ward 1. Penacook is a great place to live and raise a family. We have a beautiful village center, access to rivers, and are conveniently located yet still rural.

I will continue to listen to you and work hard to achieve positive change in our community. It's been a privilege to get to know so many smart, devoted, caring people. Please know that you can always contact me with any concern or issue. I'm here to work for you.

**PROGRESS and the road ahead:**

We've made some great progress during the past two years I've been on Council, but of course, there's always more to be done.

Of priority concern is economic vitality, safety and quality of life issues.

I'm proud of Concord's Standard & Poor's AA+ bond rating, and that the City produced a balanced budget for the 7th year in a row. However, I think we can do more to attract businesses to our community, which is another way to enhance our economic vitality. I'm very proud of our revitalized Village Center. Already there is renewed interest in downtown Penacook and I will work to promote continued progress. I will work on focusing how Concord can promote itself and become even more business-friendly.

In Penacook, this is crucial. The percentages of city and county taxes paid by Penacook residents is actually lower than Concord residents. However, that difference is more than made up by the Merrimack Valley School District. The District accounts for 61% of the total tax burden, compared with 53% in Concord. That 53% remains unchanged from 2010, but the District's has jumped from 57.6% in 2010 to 61% now.

(For more information, please see <http://www.concordnh.gov/ArchiveCenter/ViewFile/Item/2137>.)

If we anticipate the District will continue to be faced with growing needs, then the surest way of lowering our tax burden is to increase the tax base in Penacook by revitalizing the downtown and new businesses in 30 Pines/Village St and our commercial districts.

As to safety and quality of life, I will advocate for a return of police officers walking the beat. I support: protecting and promoting Penacook's historic and rural character; the Penacook branch library, our parks, community center, and schools; continuing community-building events, like those sponsored by our Penacook Village Association and Penacook Historical Society as part of Concord's 250<sup>th</sup> celebrations.

Together, we can turn our dreams of Penacook into realities!

**ELECTION DAY IS TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 3, 2015, at Immaculate Conception Church. Bonney Street, Penacook!**

I am asking for your vote on November 3rd so I can continue to push for progress and advance the community's interests. I'm building on a fifteen-year history of service to Concord and Penacook and I want to continue as your Ward 1 Councilor to help carry this work forward.

**My history in the community:**

While serving on the Concord 2020 Board in 2005, I led Project Penacook, which culminated in several visioning sessions and the formation of our Penacook Village Association. I chaired monthly public meetings from 2006-2008 and continue to serve on the Board.

**My community service:**

**Penacook Village Association (PVA)**, founding member and Board member, 2008-present; Business & Events Subcommittee co-chair

*I've worked with the PVA to bring a farmer's market to Penacook, revive festivals, present concerts, and liason with the City during revitalization and reconstruction efforts.*

**Transportation Policy Advisory Committee (TPAC)**, Council appointed Penacook representative, 2008 – present

**TPAC Public Transportation Subcommittee**, member 2008-present and former Interim Chair

*I've worked with TPAC to find the best improvements for Village Street as a result of Rte. 3 reconstruction, and focused on improving bus routes and service to Penacook.*

**Concord 250**, founder and Board President

*I founded Concord 250, a non-profit organization, to support and promote the 250<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Concord in 2015 for the benefit of all residents, guests and friends of the City.*

**Concord 2020**, former Board President

*I led Concord 2020, a citizen involvement group supporting a smart growth vision in Concord.*

**My Council Advisory Committees:**

**Community Development; Economic Development; Parking; Public Safety Board; Street Trees; TPAC; Upper Floor Development; and Utility Appeals Board Chair.**